

THE READER'S CORNER

How little real education is imparted in our schools! So much, or rather so little, is crammed into our children's heads...

We read, we converse, we write, we argue, we discuss men and measures—we think? "It is in the workings of daily life to still the voices of reverie and sentiment, and the inclinations of nature, and listen to the language of reason..."

We must not be taken as condemning in toto the memorizing system. The memory is a God-given faculty and as such should be trained and developed.

And again, why do not our teachers endeavor to interest their pupils in the broad facts of life? A healthy mind is alive to the present-day activity of the world about us as well as to the men and women who lived and labored in the shadowy past.

"All training is one form or another of outside influences, and association is the largest part of it. A man is never anything but what his outside influences have made him."

So wrote Mark Twain in the one serious book he wrote and published anonymously. And it is as nearly true as most such utterances are.

The Western Christian Advocate is out against the silent shows, and rightly so. We hear a lot of silly nonsense about these nickel theatres as cheap harmless, and educative amusements.

If you have kind words to say, say them now. To-morrow may not come your way. Do a kindness while you may. Loved ones will not always say "Say them now."

Christianity triumphs; it triumphs because it has conquered men's souls with the promise of a justice more just and a goodness more sweet than the justice and goodness of its countless rivals in Europe and Asia.

Gods change more than men, writes the above eminent author. It is a long way from the frigid Apollo of Daidalos still further from the communistic Christ of the catacombs to the Christ, the Protector of the factory, the Defender of Capital, and the opponent of Socialism, who flourished under the pontificate of Leo XIII. M. Anatole France would have it that the author of the "Condition of Labour" was a member of an American Trust! And if to his theories of the beginning of Christianity we oppose the gentle teachings of the gospels, he will answer, with Charles Manors, "What do I care what four obscure Jews thought of Jesus Christ?"

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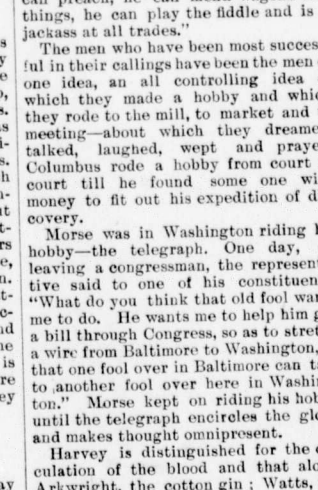
The first step is the hardest, so the first sum of a hundred dollars is the most difficult to save. But it can be laid up. Wonderful is it how money will be drawn to money, once a deposit has been made in a bank.

To every young man who reads this department, this advice is given to-day: Start a bank account this week, if only with one dollar. It is a great thing to have an account in a bank.

BE A SPECIALIST This is the age of the trained man—the specialist who can do some one useful thing better than he can do anything else and better than anybody else can do it.

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Never stand in groups outside of the church, especially after the divine service has begun. It also shows a want of good manners to stand about the church door when people are coming out.

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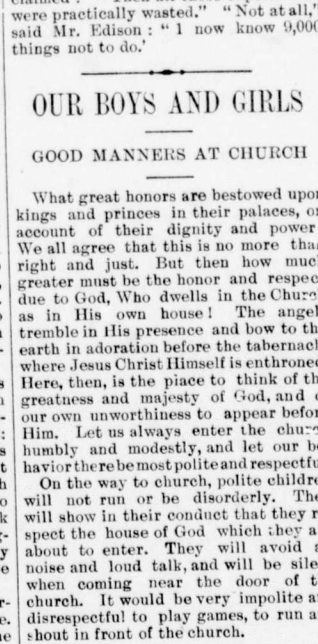
Politeness requires us to be punctual at tables and at school, with much more reason must be punctual in regard to our duties towards God! If we are in the habit of coming late to church, we not only disturb others in their devotion, but we also show that we care very little for the service of God and the practices of holy religion.

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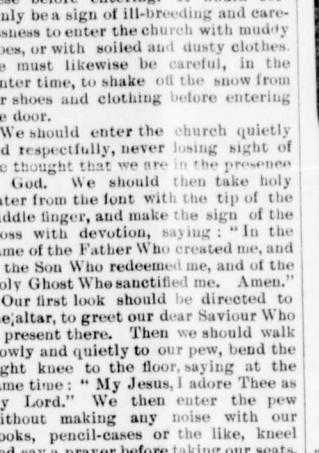
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